



TWISTS & TURNS

The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

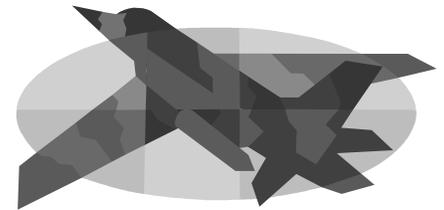
October 2016

The Coronado Speed Festival

Words and Photos by Jon Connor

The Coronado (North Island) Speed Festival is a two-day auto extravaganza that focuses on Vintage Racing. By Vintage Racing we refer to auto racers that were once on the “regular” race circuit back in the day. There are NASCAR, Trans-Am and Can-Am cars still strutting their stuff with most of them still wearing the livery that they originally campaigned in.

This year’s Speed Festival was the 19th annual event and the San Diego Miata Club has a presence at every event. This year we “upped the ante” by sharing a Hospitality Tent with the Corvette Owners of San Diego Club. When one thinks of iconic sports cars, the two cars that come to mind are Miatas and Corvettes. Both cars have loyal followers and the two clubs have a long and active history. Beyond those well-known race series, there were race cars from the last six decades.



*Melinda Smith & Laurie Waid,
hosting our Hospitality Tent*



San Diego Miata Club



Corvette Owners Club of San Diego

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There were many attractions to see and our members availed themselves of the sights.



Ken Hurd strolling through the pit area with a Can-Am car in the background.

One of the true highlights was club member Dennis Meyer who had an Alfa Romeo entered in the races.



Jon Connor & Dennis Meyer with his Alfa Romeo Racer



The Alfa in Action. Zoom-Zoom Italian Style!!!

Another highlight was Steve & Laurie Waid sweeping the Miata Class at the Car Show. Each winner gets to take their car on a Victory Lap around the track. In fact, Steve Waid aka "Obi Waid" was captured by the course officials exceeding the parade lap speed limit!



Steve "Hot Shoe" Waid on his Victory Lap

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If you missed this year's event. Make plans to be there next year, the 20th Anniversary of "The Race at the Base".



My Campaign Platform 2016

Gene Streeter

It's not that I'm using this publication as a political platform or thinly-disguised media campaign, I just wanted to share some thoughts with you about our upcoming Annual Meeting (November 19 – details are on the Events calendar) and election of our 2017 Board of Directors. Clearly, I'm hoping to reach members well beyond our loyal twelve readers.

Well into my second term, it's been largely my pleasure to serve you as Board President for nearly two years. Where I once replied "no, thanks" to the personal solicitations of those who care deeply for our club, I've found that serving in this capacity has been rewarding. I've enjoyed representing us in the Miata community and beyond; I've attempted to share the respect accorded us by that same community with all of you. I've been allowed to apply my style and stamp on those meetings I've been privileged to lead. For the most part, you've been tolerant of those efforts.

A select few of you have suggested I seek re-election to yet another term. I'm torn between accepting that challenge and the need for renewal in such matters.

While this term has been less about changes (monthly meeting location, Annual Meeting format, Holiday Party venue, for example), I've been more responsive to member posts to the SDMC list; and more "connected" overall. It's not that I'm opposed to remaining in my role as your president, I just think it's better for our organization to gain a fresh and different perspective; to re-invent ourselves, to keep things interesting. In terms

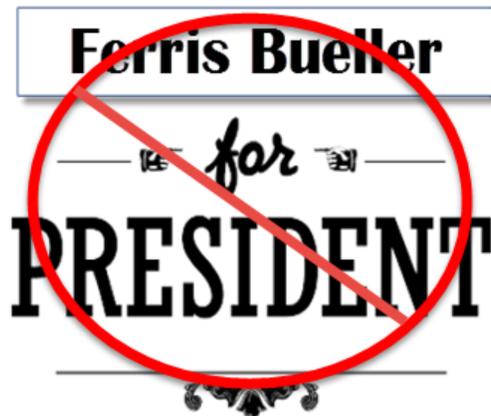
of my original campaign platform, to broaden participation beyond the "80/20 Rule."

"Broadening our participation" applies to other leadership opportunities as well. All four elected Board positions can be contested, even though those individuals are not opposed to serving another term; we understand the value of broader participation in the running of our club. Only the position of Past President is a "lock." Assuming we elect another president, I'll assume the role of "past president," president emeritus, deposed, etc., that Neal Mills has executed so well the past two years. I've enjoyed having him available as an advisor to me and the balance of the current Board. Truth is, I've enjoyed my interactions with the entire board – Greg, Dennis, and Jon; our leadership styles and personalities have proven to be both compatible and complementary.

Valuing honesty as I do, I'm also compelled to share that, come January 1st, there's no office décor or furnishings to pass (and not because he's plundered them – Ed.), no artificially modest salary, no expense account, and no gavel to deliver. There is a certain

weighty Club Participation Award that I'll deliver to my replacement; my portable "lectern" is entirely negotiable. The special feeling of accomplishment, of having "given back" to our organization, and the special "L" salute, I'd like to retain.

What board responsibility is your pleasure?



Some Dates to Save in the coming months:

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

(An overnight trip to Nethercutt Museum and the Ronald Reagan Library)

November 12 & 13

SDMC Annual Meeting

Entertainment and Election of Officers

San Diego Auto Museum,

Balboa Park

November 19

Annual Holiday Party

December 3

**Don't forget to check the website calendar for the latest in
Events information.
If you don't check it, you may miss out!**



SDMC MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS For OCTOBER 2016

Welcome to our newest members...

Wayne & Heather Mount	San Diego	2012 Liquid Silver Metallic
Lucia & Patrick Monaghan	El Cajon	2003 Emerald Mica
Lisa & Nick Dimolios	Lakeside	2012 Crystal White Pearl Mica
Jeff & Hope Morris	Queen Creek(AZ)	2008 Copper Red Mica [MAZDA]
Tim & Darla Crawford	Temecula	2012 Copper Red Mica
Donald & Deborah Mears	San Diego	2001 British Racing Green
Chris Tung	Escondido	2004 Velocity Red Mica
Steven Crummy	El Cajon	1995 Classic Red
Douglas Ruth	Amanda(OH) & Coronado	1997 Classic Red & 2016 Soul Red Metallic

And welcome back...

Jeanette Driver & Tony Haske	Laguna Hills	2002 Classic Red [NICE HAT]
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155 memberships (34 single, 121 dual) for a total of 276 members.

Does not include new members from the Coronado Speed Festival.

READERS QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

This is a little test to see who REALLY reads our newsletter.

Identify the owner of the Miata with the license plate PURLY1 which won the car show at Coronado Speed Festival at the Sunday show. Tell that person you saw the article and receive a prize!



October & November 2016 Events

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
OCT 9	RUN TO THE MUSIC	1:45 TO 5:45 PM	MEET AT RITE AID PARKING LOT 1665 ALPINE BLVD ALPINE CA 91901	KEN HURD (SEE WEBSITE FOR RESERVATIONS)
OCT 14 AND 22	K1 SPEED KARTING	11 AM TO 12:30 PM	K1 SPEED 1709 MAIN STREET SAN DIEGO CA 92101	CRAIG MOYA CJM63SW@ATT.NET
OCT 27	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	OLD HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 Midland Road, Poway 92064	PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
NOV 5	MELINDA'S BIRTHDAY RUN FOR ICE CREAM	TO BE DETERMINED		JON CONNOR VICEPRESIDENT@SANDIEG OMIATACLUB.ORG
NOV 12 & 13	PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES	TO BE DETERMINED	SEE PAGE 12 FOR FULL DETAILS	GENE STREETER 619.653.8100 STEVE OR LAURIE WAID 760.715.7850
NOV 17	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	OLD HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 Midland Road, Poway 92064	PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
NOV 19	SDMC ANNUAL MEETING	10 AM	SAN DIEGO AUTO MUSEUM BALBOA PARK	PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG

Rear View Mirror

Words and photos by Gene Streeter

The Road to Happiness ... can be paved with asphalt

September's "Cruisin' Grand" get-together was marked by a noticeably earlier sunset and departure of the enthusiasts' cars assembled there. Our last-of-the season gathering was far more special for me, and well beyond the fellowship of the twenty SDMC friends assembled at Tom's #23 for dinner and the Garons' Escondido home for dessert after. Since it appears that Diane Foster and her canine companion are inseparable, I counted "Maggie" as well. (No jokes about any of Diane's dates being "dogs." – Ed.) On a practical note, at least single and dual memberships are the same cost.



Diane Foster & Maggie – celebrating the final Cruisin' Grand and "dog days of summer"

While I was made to feel welcome, I purposely joined a small sample of the "Route 66" contingent for dinner; Lonnie and Kaye Karnes, Wally Stevens, and Sandy Bagnall had decided to take in Cruisin' Grand on the eve of their departure the following morning at "zero dark thirty." Saying they were excited to begin their 27-day, history-baked journey is a gross understatement, even for me. I was excited for them, and even wore my prized "Main Street of America" t-shirt in their honor.

The conversation turned naturally to my own such experience four years ago, following wagon masters Mark and Cathy Booth to Chicago and back west via the Mother Road. At times, portions of the aging Route were hard to find, and many sections that re-



mained were showing their age – pock-marked and crumbling around the shoulders. In the moment, I was unable to fathom how meaningful having my Dad as my travel companion would be, or even what the metaphor of the Route might become.

"Tears in Heaven"

Fact is, that journey would become the most significant, meaningful event we ever experienced together. We covered most of the 17-day trip top-down, come rain, hail, sleet, or snow. We entertained our fellow travelers and untold numbers of truckers, given their better vantage point. We experienced the varied geology, towns, cultures, and patchwork of America – together. Meals across from our fellow SDMC travelers were so much more than simple nourishment; conversations "on the stoop" and huddling in fear of a tornado would become precious memories. As I'm writing this ode, my Dad's health is failing and his memory is declining in sync and sympathy. Despite the effects of pain management made necessary by his cancer, we can summon his thoughts with the mere mention of a Miata road trip or Route 66. Having spent many special days by his side, I'm grateful for our contemporary written media; I don't have to worry about my tears staining the parchment we once used.

Mom and Dad have been SDMC members ever since that trip; Dad wouldn't have it any other way, even though he never stepped-up to Miata ownership. He relished each edition of the newsletter, even though he confessed his vocabulary was occasionally strained by some of my columns. He loved riding with me; actually preferred it, even though I insisted he drive one stint on the Route. He was always in awe of a Miata's ability to change directions, compared with the many vehicles he owned and drove over seven decades. Given his love affair with the

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automobile, and motoring in general, his decision to give up his driving privilege this year was one of the hardest things he has had to do.

Giving up my father to advanced age and disease is one of the hardest things I've had to do; the memories of our shared experiences, courtesy of this club and my '04 Mazdaspeed, have sustained him just as they will do for me whenever I fondly recall my father and road trip companion.



*In memory of Eugene; and
In honor of those "on the Route"*

In Memory of John Eberst ...

While the loss of my father was certainly personal, many of us also mourned the loss of member John Eberst just a week prior. John will certainly be missed, as evidenced by the nearly two hundred friends that joined in a Celebration of Life at Torrey Pines State Beach Park on the following Sunday morning. While John fell victim to a massive heart attack at an autocross event, he was doing something that gave him great pleasure in life.



John Eberst, photo courtesy of Terri Eberst

Tears in Heaven

Would you know my name
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would it be the same
If I saw you in Heaven?
I must be strong and carry on
'Cause I know I don't belong here in Heaven

Would you hold my hand
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would you help me stand
If I saw you in Heaven?
I'll find my way through night and day
"Cause I know I just can't stay here in Heaven

Time can bring you down, time can bend your knees
Time can break your heart, have you begging please, begging please

Beyond the door there's peace I'm sure
And I know there'll be no more tears in Heaven

Would you know my name
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would it be the same
If I saw you in Heaven?
I must be strong and carry on
'Cause I know I don't belong here in Heaven

Written by Eric Patrick Clapton, Will Jennings
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Under the Big Top

No secret that our perennial participation in the Coronado Speed Festival was the “big deal” of September. If you didn’t attend the festival itself, or witness the recap at our monthly meeting, you missed one of the premier automotive events of San Diego. While vintage racing was the main attraction, there was so much more to engage our senses. As Grand Marshall of the weekend’s events, actor/humanitarian/patriot Gary Sinise brought his “Forrest Gump”-inspired entourage to the weekend’s festivities.

Certainly, there was the blaring exhaust notes of “big-bore” V-8s and the high-rpm symphonies of smaller displacements in the practice and qualifying sessions; but there was also the eclectic music of the nearly two-hour free concert by Sinise and his “Lt. Dan Band.” Jan Fredrick and Mary Mitchell were early to stake-out their front row - center seating locations, while a



Greg & Mandie Lee with friend Beth, working it out at the concert (above)
Jan Frederick and Mary Mitchell (below) had front row seats!



brace of other SDMCers gathered around once the music fired up. Later, Jan gushed that Sinise “never took a break” from performing; he maintains he is humbled by the opportunity to aid and entertain veterans everywhere.

Melinda Connor displayed her spotless, red 2001 with stuffed bears in military garb, but may have later realized her decorating approach might have had limited appeal to the car show judges - the San Diego MoPar Club performs that function. The flames on “Obi” Waid’s NB and graphics on Laurie’s NC brought the necessary “bling” to secure the Miata class win, back-to-back. While the winners’ plaques were nice, the real prize was the lap of the 1.7 mile course and public display on behalf of SDMC.

Back at our “big top” hospitality tent, Phil Daoust and Bill Bennett displayed their fine, first-gen Miata examples to promote our presence there. Volunteers manned (and *wo*-manned?) the tent both days, answering questions about us and promoting our gatherings there. On Sunday alone, three new memberships resulted from our public exposure. Our C.O.C.S.D. co-hosts and partners were equally gracious and successful in marketing their club. Thanks to Craig Moya and Steve Waid for their execution of the plan to have our clubs’ first-ever event tent there; our gratitude to Ken Hurd and the hospitality team he organized for the occasion. Nicely done, all.

Did You Take the Challenge?

In last month’s column, I promised to take up the challenge laid down by V-Pres. Greg Lee in our August monthly meeting. (Hint: it had nothing to do with reciting the Gettysburg Address in “red-neck,” one of Greg’s secondary languages.) As part of our efforts to keep monthly meetings interesting and diverse, Greg had detailed his auto-related t-shirt collection for our info-tainment. He shared that his collection numbered 37 examples, piquing my interest; and maybe that of a few others.

My inventory only counted those t-shirts with an automotive or racing theme. I decided my sub-collection of “Surf ‘N Safari” t-shirts didn’t meet my criteria – they have a cartoon-ish car in the graphics, but a largely social event purpose. Melinda, assuming you’ve read this far, this may sound similar to the appeal conundrum I identified earlier with your vehicle’s presentation in the car show.

The inventory result: I’ve collected forty t-shirts meeting Greg’s criteria ... and mine. I’ve claimed, at times,

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Gary Sinise and part of the Lt. Dan Band at Coronado Speed Festival

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to be Greg's "brother from another mother" for certain things we have in common. It comes as no surprise we have a similar number of t-shirts in our wardrobe. While I concede that Greg's might be worn more frequently, that wasn't part of our criteria. Neither of us can compete with the "over 100" being claimed by Obi Waid, but not as yet verified by audit. Too many? You bet, and the count clearly illustrates our casual bent, the fabric of life here in San Diego.

A Gentle Brush with "John Law"

One of your elected board, who shall remain anonymous, decided a nice drive into East County would be a fine way to round out the Labor Day weekend. At one stage of the tour, the couple found themselves behind a curve-a-phobic driver of an otherwise capable German sedan. Every straight section of road found the vehicle up to speed, but any kink in the road was met with brake lights and a relative crawl through the curves and corners.

The entire way from Julian, double yellow lane markings and oncoming traffic in the few passing opportunities had both slowly chipped away at the driver's patience. SR 78, headed south past Dudley's Bakery, finally provided a passing opportunity and solution. Summoning-up factory turbo power (and a little more), the Velocity Red Mazdaspeed sprinted to nearly 100 MPH getting past the rolling

roadblock on the uphill straight, and back into the right lane. What should appear just beyond the right shoulder but a familiar black-and-white Crown Vic with the unmistakable CHP medallion on its driver's door. High

anxiety ensued ... it seemed like several minutes before it made a move.

Finally seeing the lights in the distance, and the CHP's clearing the cause of this entire scene, the targeted driver pulled over out of courtesy and respect. Playing dumb, "Who, me?" isn't usually appreciated. The officer approached with equal respect; his response to the driver's question "Let me guess ... Driver's license and registration?" was immediate and unexpected:

"Just your driver's license, please. When was the last time you were cited?"

"It's been a few years, officer. If it matters, I was frustrated by that driver crawling through every curve, mile after mile."

"You should know I clocked that Mercedes at 73 MPH, but you were doing in excess of 90 to pass. I'm not issuing you a ticket, but if I catch you again, you're *history*. Slow it down and have a nice holiday weekend."

No mirrored sunglasses, no drawn-out lecture, just stern advice. This was one of only two times in a slightly-checked driving history (approaching fifty years) where this driver was given a "bye."

Stay challenged, hospitable, photographic, and out of trouble, San Diego Mata Club!

An evening with Alaska Miata Club members

Words and Photos by Les Smith

Ponder the thought of driving a Miata or MX5 in Alaska and, given your perspective as a San Diegan, winter weather likely comes to mind. Ice, snow and extremely cold weather are just a few of numerous challenges drivers in “The Last Frontier” face on both their daily commutes and club runs. But a little cold weather doesn’t matter to many Alaskans.

I was hosted for dinner in early September by six Anchorage-area members of the Alaska Miata Club and three of their guests. Fueled by what I would rate the world’s best pizza, our discussion provided a glimpse of how they absolutely enjoy our favorite vehicle in an environment that regularly tests the Rugged Individualist.



Michael Hammond (2016 white) is hands-down the spirit of the Alaska Miata Club and a Facebook contact. He organized our get-together and most other club activities in Anchorage. He also owns and regularly changes the color of several older Miatas, and has been known to loan them to people so they can be active in AKMC.

Michael picked me up my hotel, ran several close-in roads, then delivered us to The Mooth’s Tooth gathering spot a mile from the hotel. (Isn’t that the typical route we Miata drivers take from any Point A to Point B?) Afterwards, we visited a few more of the twistier roads around Anchorage he and friends enjoy driving.

Consider this obstacle: Alaska Miata Club members are mostly spread among Anchorage, where half of the state’s 740,000 or so residents live; Fairbanks, a six-hour, 360-mile trip north from Anchorage that parallels Alaska Railroad tracks most of the way; and Juneau, the State Capital that can only be reached by air and water. (The longest road leaving Juneau ends after 40 miles.) Given these factors, members often first meet each other and then stay in touch via Facebook.

But a little distance and solitude doesn’t matter to many Alaskans.

Another obstacle: Alaska’s often unpredictable and rapidly-changing weather can be problematic. Planning an event — even finishing a run once underway — is a crap shoot; the smart driver arrives prepared for anything. Anything.

But a little rainy weather doesn’t matter to many Alaskans.

Obstacle: Multiple competing interests (Should sound familiar): AKMC members told me when the weather delivers a good to perfect day on one’s day(s) off, driving is only one of many choices. Many Alaskans have a plane (one in 70 Alaskans has a pilots license), boat, quad runner and various other toys from which to choose for relaxation. Deciding to buy a convertible, let alone join a car club, can be a stretch. Remember, The Rugged Individualist is also pretty much a loner.

But having too many things to choose from on a day off doesn’t matter to many Alaskans.

Obstacle: Limited roads; limited services. Venture too far out of town and you may find you’re on your own. Only Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and Hawaii have fewer miles than the 31,600 in Alaska.

So here one must think differently. I used my GPS on the cruise to establish ship location and distance to various locations. At one point, with land visible only at a considerable distance, it also gave me driving directions! The route was the Alaska Maritime Highway, a network of car ferries of considerable size that connect

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various Alaskan ports with Vancouver and the Seattle area. I don't recall anyone leading a run involving ferries.

But the absence of roads that take you anywhere one might want to go doesn't matter to many Alaskans.

Obstacle: Alaska's weather plays hell on what roads there are. We mostly enjoyed daytime temperatures in the 60's most of our trip, but it's already frosting overnight in Fairbanks. Michael knows to watch out year-round for both known potholes and those he might encounter for the first time. Rocks appear out of nowhere, and landslides occasionally result from the effects of rain and temperature variances.

Luckily, salt isn't used to clear highways because it is unable to react in low temperatures; the sand and cin-

ders spread instead are no friends of car finishes.

But a couple of potholes, rocks to dodge on the road and a few surface paint nicks doesn't matter to many Alaskans.

Judy and I and the four other members of our party had completed a seven-day cruise from Vancouver to Whittier just that morning. The port is little more than a rock shelf fronting water at the base of a mountain. It exemplifies "secluded," most of the 300 or so residents live, shop and go to school in one large dormitory.

The only way in and out of Whittier is a 2.5 mile-long, one-lane tunnel built for construction and supply trains during World War II. Military leaders recognized the site's safety from Japanese attack when developing the port.

Today, tour buses, semis provisioning cruise ships, and cars share the tunnel with the Alaska Railroad on a rotating basis. Southbound traffic from Anchorage uses the tunnel at the top of the hour; northbound vehicles from Whittier at the bottom of the hour, all at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour. Several trains daily are also accommodated. Between groups the tunnel is flushed of exhaust fumes by giant turbines.

Our bus operator was promptly in line at 9:30 am for the northbound caravan. (Miss your spot and it's a one- or two-hour wait for the next opportunity.) The driver said round trip tolls range from \$24 for passenger cars to \$360 for semis.

I mentioned this trip adventure to my hosts, saying I doubted that it would be a club activity. Well, turns out Anchorage members have been to Whittier on a club run! Their general take is that Whittier has only tourist food and there isn't much to see or do there; they probably won't repeat the trip.

Convertibles using the tunnel must have tops up due to the possibility of rocks falling; one member on that run didn't have his with him. After talking with toll collectors, they agreed to let him enter wearing his autocross helmet for protection. But a little cold weather doesn't matter to many Alaskans.

But a little seclusion doesn't matter to many Alaskans.

I divided a cache of San Diego Miata Club t-shirts, pins, stickers, license plate frames, caps and Surf 'n Safari regalia I carried north among the Alaska Miata Club members I met. They traded a numbered AKMC club medallion and Mazda USA items, along with the very enjoyable evening and warm hospitality. A good group of people.





Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13, 2016

Presented by Gene Streeter
and the Waids, aka SLO Productions

OVERVIEW:

Saturday morning, Depart from McDonalds just East of I-5 at Oceanside Blvd

Arrive at the **NETHERCUTT MUSEUM** in Sylmar for tour

Travel to **GRAND VISTA HOTEL** in Simi Valley for dinner and overnight stay

Sunday morning, after breakfast, travel to the **RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY** for touring

Return home at your leisure to San Diego



Nethercutt Collection and Museum is one of the premier auto collections in the world in a setting unlike any other. You can research it at www.nethercuttcollection.org. We have group reservations and tour limited to 50.



The Ronald Reagan Library and Museum is also an interesting and unique setting in Simi Valley featuring exhibits, special events and programs. The museum includes a replica of the Oval Office, historical timelines, and features Air force One as used during the Reagan presidential terms.

We have arranged a group block of rooms at the **Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley**. King or 2 Queen rooms are available for \$109 plus tax for Saturday night and include a full breakfast.

Dinner will be at your convenience. There are two restaurants in the hotel, and numerous others available close by.

To join us on this 2-day adventure, please do the following as soon as possible. Cut off date is October 20, 2016.

1. Email Gene at president@sandiegomiataclub.org and tell him you wish to come
2. Call Grand Vista Hotel at **805.583.2000** and make your hotel reservation for Saturday Nov. 12 using BLOCK CODE 2087, San Diego Miata Club.
3. Watch for updates on departure time and other details in your email.
4. Prepare to have a fun and interesting weekend!

Our Mission

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars—the **Mazda Miata**.

Owning and driving a **Miata** is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego County from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our **Miatas**!

Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. **Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month**, except in November and December when we meet on the third Thursday.

We meet at the Old Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway 92064 To contact the restaurant, call (858) 486-4575.

Many members arrive around 6 p.m. to enjoy meals, snacks, or beverages while chatting with their Miata friends. The informal meeting starts at 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll have fun.

Dues

Dues are \$35 per calendar year, for either an individual or a dual membership (two members in the same household). Members who join the club in the first half of the calendar year (January through June) pay \$35 for their first year; those who join in the second half of the year pay \$20 for the remainder of the year.

Badges

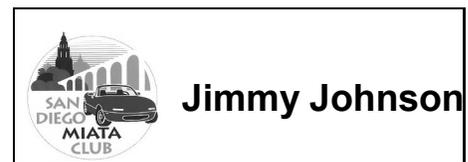
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

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Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process may take several days.



Member Discounts

Many vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The Club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers may require you to show a current SDMC membership card.

Businesses that wish to be listed must offer a discount from their normal retail prices to SDMC members. Listings are limited to five lines (30-35 words). Contact newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff Hartmayer. Fleet discount on all products.

Auto Image Paintless Dent Repair, leather/vinyl/plastic repair, headlight restoration & paint touch up. Free estimates at your home or work. Contact Britt Colton. 619.244.2227, Discount: 10%

Dent Time. fast reasonable paintless dent removal. 800.420.DENT 93368). They come to your door, provide quick and professional service.

Express Tire. Auto repair, tires. 12619 Poway Rd., Poway. 858.748.6330. Manager Dick Dolan. Discount 10% on parts & labor incl. tires.

Geri's Bazaar—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. 10% Discount to SDMC members. geri@gerisbazaar.com or phone (843)754-8815

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. www.goodwin-racing.com Special club pricing on everything. 858.775.2810.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes & suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr, San Marcos. Discount. 10%760.746.6980.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Cir. Elbert CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com . 303.730.6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. www.langka.com Discount. 30%.

Rocky's Miatomotive 2951 Garnet Ave. San Diego 92109 858.273.2547. Discount: 10% on labor.

Lutz Tire & Service Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market St San Diego 619.234.3535. Ask for Mike. Discount. 10% on parts (tires not included).

TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia Auto-body) Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861. Ask for T.J.

Discount: 10% on labor & parts.

Pitstop Autoglass. Rock chip repairs free to SDMC members. Must show membership card. In-shop only. 858.675.GLASS (4527)

Porterfield Enterprises Brake pads, rotors. 1767 Placentia Ave Costa Mesa 949.548.4470. Discount: 15% on Porterfield & Hawke brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9.25 per pt of Motul 600 brake fluid.

Smart Car Care stores—SDMC members received 10% discount. 2260 Main St., Suite 3, Chula Vista 91911.(619) 575-9274 or 1217 Simpson Way, Escondido, 92029 (760) 871-8000 smartcarcareproducts.com

Stuart Terry Auto. Specializing in Miata A/C problems, recommended by Rocky's Miatomotive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 6129.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

Thompson Automotive. Cool Miata accessories, oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs & MORE Discount. 10% 949.366.0322. www.thompson-automotive.com

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar:858.909.2100, Santee: 619.448.9140. Discount: body shop price #CM6660.

U Fix It Automotive. Open to anyone who wants to work on a car, 6 bays, 5 lifts, and tools. Rent by the hour, day or multi day. Contact Jose Munoz760.544.6181. Discount 10%

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care, detail, hand wax, leather treatment. Free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD 858.495.2974. 10% discount.

Mazda Dealerships

Mazda of El Cajon. 619.590.3700. Discount 10% on parts & labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Childrens Hospital.

Mazda of Escondido. 760.737.3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog). For purchase, ask for Barb and get free SDMC membership for 1 year.

Westcott Mazda. National City. Discount 15% on parts exclusive of oil changes.619.474.1591.

Other Services

David Bryan, your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.334.4325. DavidBrealtor@cox.net. DRE#01009295.

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